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HARMONY Project – WORKSHOP /Training Session

Topic: International Credit Mobility and Establishment of International Relations

Office

Date: December 1, 2023 Time: 2.30 pm

Venue at UoH:

Teahouse,

Office of International Affairs (OIA) Building, University of Hyderabad

The Workshop-cum-Training on International Credit Mobility (ICM) was held on December 1, 2023, at Teahouse, Office of International Affairs (OIA) building, University of Hyderabad. It was broadly intended to share the experiences of International Credit Mobility and orient university staff about the modus operandi and practices of ICM. Prof. R. Siva Prasad, UoH HARMONY Team member, welcomed the participants and briefed about the objectives of HARMONY Project, a multi-national/university consortium, led by University of Zaragoza, Spain. Prof. Siva Prasad delivered his initial remarks on ICM and its necessity in fastly changing global education. Prof. N. Siva Kumar shared his ideas on ICM based on his own experience and his involvement in HARMONY project and other academic projects involving German universities, apart from being the Director, Office of Internal Affairs (OIA), University of Hyderabad.

The Harmony members presented their perspectives on internationalisation and credit mobility. Prof. Aparna Rayaprol spoke on the Study in India Programme (SIP) initiative and its unique ways of transferring the credits through semester and customised short

programmes. Prof. Rayaprol, who is also a former Director of SIP, highlighted the role of the Unit (SIP) in developing an ICM for the entire country as the UoH-SIP model is considered to be the first of its kind in the country (which was established in 1998).

Dr. S. Shaji, one of the HARMONY members, based on his experiences from Harmony Study Visits as well as a former Academic Coordinator of SIP, University of Hyderabad, on ICM. He presented how EU practices on ICM has been standardised over a period of time, through several macro level agreement among member countries, including Bologna Process and Lisbon Agreement. Dr.S.Shaji mentioned UoH experiences of ICM involving several universities from Nordic countries and the US within SIP framework.

Prof. Vinod Pavarala brought in the inputs from HARMONY project and other international higher education experiences, while making his intervention. Prof Pavarala also explained how the recently introduced New Education Policy (NEP) can facilitate internationalisation of higher education. Prof. Prabhakar Rao dealt with various aspects on ICM, based on his own involvements in internationalisation of higher education.

Prof. Alok Kumar Mishra, the current Deputy Director of OIA, commented on the current plans on internationalization and ICM. Ms. Vadana Ramanan, the Staff Coordinator of the OIA, also put forth her views. The UoH HARMONY team members and other stakeholders participated in the Workshop. The Workshop/Interactive session concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Dr.S.Shaji.







